

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 021411

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:CASC, EINV, EFIN, NI, US

SUBJECT: AIG LEFEVRE CASE

REF: STATE 12242

1. SHELPH AND NOTTINGHAM PHONED AF/W JANUARY 25. THEY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE NSO'S CONTINUED HOLDING OF LEFEVRE PASSPORT. AIG LAWYER EGBE HAS SPOKEN WITH THE HEAD OF NSO (IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY MEANT MOHAMMED) AND PERMANENT SECRETARY OF TRADE ALHAJI. HEAD OF NSO STATED THAT PASSPORT IS BEING HELD AT THE DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS OF ALHAJI AND CAN BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AT HIS DIRECTION. IT WAS CLEAR TO EGBE THAT CASE IS OF VERY LITTLE INTEREST TO THE NSO.

2. EGBE HAS SPOKEN DIRECTLY WITH ALHAJI WHO REPORTEDLY ADMITTED THAT PASSPORT WAS BEING HELD AT HIS DIRECTION. ALHAJI REPORTEDLY CONTENDS THAT QUESTION OF LEFEVRE'S IMPLICATION IN THE REPORT OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES (PARA 3 REFTEL) MUST BE CLEARED UP BEFORE THE PASSPORT CAN BE RETURNED.

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3. AIG REPS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE DISSATISFIED WITH CURRENT EMBASSY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RETURN OF PASSPORT.  
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